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SUBJ: NINE DEAD & SCORES HOSPITALIZED IN WEEKEND " FACTION FIGHT-
BETWEEN BASOTHO & XHOSA MINERS T ANGLO-AMERICAN'S WELKOM
GOLD MINE (ORANGE FREE STATE)

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, FIGHTING WHICH RESULTED IN DEATHS OF 8
XHOSA & ONE BAWSWANA BEGAN AT 9P.M. SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9 WHEN 3,000
BASOTHO ATTACKED 2,100 XHOSA ON LATTER'S SIDE OF MINE'S NUMBER TWO
COMPOUND AND RAGED FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS BEFORE 200 BLACK & WHITE
POLICE SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING IT UNDER CONTROL. FOLLOWING DAY
MASS EXODUS OF ABOUT 4,000 MINERS (MOSTLY BASOTHO) BEGAN AND
CONTINUED THROUGH FEBRUARY 11. SOUTH AFRICA, LESOTHO, TRANSKEI &
CISKEI NOW MAKING EFFORTS TO DETERMINE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE WHICH IN
ADDITION TO DEATHS, RESULTED IN SCORES OF INJURIES, MANY OF
OF THEM SERIOUS, & EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO MINE INSTALLATIONS.

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